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RE: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/082,361 filed February 22, 2002
 Applicant: Yoshiki MINOWA, et al.; For: CARD-MAKING METHOD AND SYSTEM AS WELL AS
 HEAT TREATMENT MECHANISM FOR CARDS AND IMAGE-FORMING APPARATUS
 INCORPORATING THE SAME

See attached Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a). Per your recent phone message citing MPEP 714.6, you indicated that Examiners have the authority to enter amendments after allowance, which merely cancel claims. Such action is requested.

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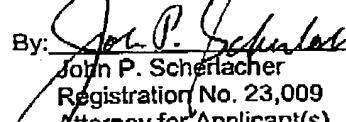
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 on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.